



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 26, 2011

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Administrative Division, Fire Department

SUBJECT: Hazardous Materials Response Memorandum Of Understanding

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Fire Chief to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City, Montecito Fire Protection District, and the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District.

DISCUSSION:

The Fire Department has responded to hazardous materials emergencies for over 25 years as part of a combined agencies team. The Department supports a response vehicle, equipment and a crew of specially trained firefighters, to respond to emergencies in the South Coast region of Santa Barbara County. Carpinteria-Summerland Fire District and Montecito Fire District provide additional trained responders that are required by state and federal law to safely respond to and mitigate these events. All agencies share training and equipment costs. The team coordinates with other local, state and federal agencies and would also respond in the event of a homeland security, or potential terrorist event. Sharing manpower, training and equipment costs provides for maximum efficiency when responding to infrequent, but potentially very high risk, events.

This Memorandum of Understanding provides a formalized framework which defines the purpose, scope and responsibilities of the joint effort. The three participating fire agencies executed a Memorandum of Understanding on March 23, 2011.

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SUBMITTED BY: Andrew DiMizio, Fire Chief

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office